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### **No Pain, No Gain, New Drain: Mayor and Faulconer Cut Ribbon to Celebrate New Storm Drain at La Playa**

**SAN DIEGO, CA** – Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the La Playa Storm Drain Replacement Project, the first project to begin construction with the \$103 million deferred maintenance bond.

“The new La Playa storm water drains eliminate safety hazards and beautify San Diego's bay and waterfront. The City's improved financial standing allowed us to obtain financing to complete this job. I want to thank the Mayor, the Port District, and La Playa neighbors for getting this project done,” said Faulconer.

Joined by dozens of local residents, the Mayor and Faulconer cut the ribbon to commemorate the new drains being placed in service. The failed storm drains allowed erosion to occur along the beach and were a safety concern among neighbors.

“This project put a small contractor to work and fixed the safety hazard by the bay,” said Mayor Sanders. Sanders is committed to creating contracting opportunities for small businesses and this project provided such an opportunity.

Last month, the Mayor announced the creation of [www.sdsmlcontracts.com](http://www.sdsmlcontracts.com) with the goal of making it easier for small businesses to navigate the City's contracting terrain. Over 100 projects will be completed, including repaving approximately 150 miles of streets, replacing sidewalks in over 2,300 locations, repairing storm drains in 28 locations, and provide major repairs to over 60 buildings, some of these projects include opportunities for small businesses.

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